

REMARKS

Claims 165-167, 170-172, 174, 211-212, 215-225, 257-258, 261-264, 278, 281, 284, 287, 290, 293, 296, 299, 302 and 305 are now pending in the application. Dependent claims 168-169, 173, 189-193, 207-210, 238-240 and 255-256 remain withdrawn pending allowance of their respective parent independent claims.

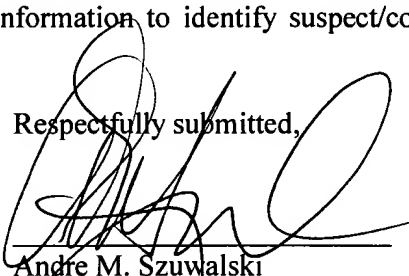
In the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, the Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and asserted that Applicants had failed to elect a specific species by identifying a specific figure (or group of figures) which correspond to a single embodiment.

Applicants had previously indicated an election of the disclosed species of the invention relating to the processing of documents (for example, checks and/or currency bills) by imaging to extract document identification information, and the comparison of that extracted document identification information with stored document identification information to identify suspect/counterfeit documents. The presently pending claims which read on this elected species are Claims 165-167, 170-172, 174, 211-212, 215-225, 257-258, 261-264, 278, 281, 284, 287, 290, 293, 296, 299, 302 and 305.

In response to the Examiner's request to identify a figure (or group of figures) which correspond to the single embodiment covered by the pending claims, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to Figures 3a-3d, 5 and 15 which shows systems/methods for processing of documents (for example, checks and/or currency bills) by imaging to extract document identification information, and the comparing that extracted document identification information with stored document identification information to identify suspect/counterfeit documents.

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